

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
January 27, 2015

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at the City Hall on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Pro Tem Terry Hill presiding, and the following present to wit:

Jose Luis Aguilar	Bill Rogers
Kent Bratcher	Nora Sanchez
Manuel Madrid, Jr.	Jeff Youtsey
Raul Rodriguez	

Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk Assistant
John Caraway, City Attorney

It was determined that a quorum was present. The invocation was given by Councilor Rodriguez, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agent

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sanchez and upon vote, the motion was passed.

The Consent Agenda includes:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *January 13, 2015
2. **Consideration of Bids:**
3. **Contracts, Leases and Agreements:**
4. **Appointments:**
5. **Resignations:**
 - A. Accept the resignation of Jacob Dehoyos, Cemetery Equipment Operator, effective January 13, 2015
6. **Dates of Hearing:**
 - A. Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval to set a public hearing for February 10, 2015 for consideration of approval of Case No. 15-01- Variance to the number of required paved parking spaces for a Hotel/Motel in a Commercial District, 115 N. 26th Street and 2602 W. Main Street being Tracts A and B of Hemal Patel Summary Subdivision. Owner- Shreeji Inc./ Hemal Patel.
 - B. Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval to set a public hearing for February 10, 2015 for consideration of an Ordinance approving Case No. 15-03- Zone Change for R-1B Residential District to SU-1 Special Use District. Located 905 S. 20th Street being a portion of the N/2 of N/4 of S/2 of Section 18, T.17S., R.26 E. Owner-Church of God, Agent- Emily Moore/ Century 21.

7. *Travel and Training:

- A. Legislative – Permission to attend Colonias Day in Santa Fe, NM. Request mileage
- B. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the 9th Annual James McGrane Officer training in Albuquerque, NM
- C. Planning –Permission for one (1) employee to attend the ADA Accessibility training in Albuquerque, NM
- D. Planning and Recreation – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Build A Pool conference in San Diego, CA **pulled for discussion**
- E. F&A – Permission for one (1) employee to attend a meeting with NMML, Tax & Revenue and City Managers from Hobbs and Eunice in Santa Fe, NM
- F. WW – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the AWWA-WEF Utility Management conference in Austin, TX
- G. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Force Science certification course in Scottsdale, AZ
- H. Police – Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval for one (1) employee to attend the DEA Basic Drug Investigation school in Albuquerque, NM
- I. Police – Permission for two (2) employees to attend Buckle Up NM 2015 in Albuquerque, NM
- J. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NM Police Chiefs Association meeting in Santa Fe, NM
- K. Executive – Permission to attend the NLC Congressional City conference in Washington, DC
- L. Executive – Permission to attend the NMML Board of Directors meeting in Santa Fe, NM

8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:

- A. *Artesia Car Enthusiasts and Artesia Main Street, Inc. have requested the use of Heritage Plaza from 1 pm Friday, March 25, 2015 to 5 pm Saturday, March 28, 2015 for their Annual Main Event Car Show. Request approval of use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees.

9 Budgeted Items:**10. Non-budgeted Items:****11. *Payment of Bills**

Councilor Rogers moved to pull 7-D for discussion. Councilor Rodriguez seconded it.

Councilor Rogers questioned Jim McGuire about 7-D. *Planning and Recreation – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the Build A Pool conference in San Diego, CA.* Jim McGuire explained that this conference would help prepare the city for what needs to be done to prepare for building a pool. A representative from the school will also be attending. Councilor Rogers asked if any further discussion has been made. The Community Development Director replied that the Mayor had talked with the superintendent of the schools and asked that Jim McGuire take over in any further discussions with the superintendent after attending the conference. Councilor Rodriguez stated his concern that Councilors weren't informed earlier so they might have gone. Mr. McGuire further explained how this conference will help prepare if the city decides to move further with the process of the pool.

Councilor Rogers moved to approve 7-D. The motioned was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon vote, the motion passed.

Motion passed to approve Consent Agenda.

Period for Hearing from Visitors

Dorothy Hammond, President of Car Enthusiast Car Club, thanked the council for approving the request of use of the Heritage Plaza once again for their 18th year for the car show. The Car Show has grown and continues to each year. This year they will have the 1948 Lincoln Continental that the Ford Motor Company presented to Babe Ruth when he retired from Baseball. Mr. Shelton from Pampa, TX owns the vehicle and will be presenting it here in a showcase Plexiglas trailer along with dressing up as Babe Ruth in a baseball uniform. He will be presenting the car at all the elementary schools and will speak of Babe Ruth's baseball story.

Comments from Public Officials and Contracted

Commissioner Glenn Collier sent "thanks" from Delia and himself and complimented the city on the lights that went up on the draw from 10th Street to 13th Street. He gave a special thanks to Councilor Aguilar for his kind concerns on the lights going up Mahone and JJ Clark and also provided an update on North Eddy County projects.

Councilor Aguilar addressed the Commissioner about the need for more housing in Artesia.

Councilor Sanchez moved to move item 13-A up for discussion. Motion was withdrawn. No one was available to attend to speak tonight. Mr. O'Brian will be at the next meeting to address Navajo's water conservation plan.

Personnel

Councilor Rogers moved to approve, upon recommendation of the Mayor, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, permission to hire Ivan Straight to the position of Un-Certified Firefighter, at salary of \$2482 per month (CA22). The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve, upon recommendation of the Mayor, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, permission to hire Jeremy Kirk to the position of Intermediate Certified Firefighter, at salary of \$3804 per month (CA28). The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve, upon recommendation of the Mayor, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, permission to hire William Guin, NMSU Graduate, to the position of Certified Firefighter, at salary of \$3249 per month (CA27). The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve, upon recommendation of the Mayor, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, permission to hire Vernon Nelson, to the position of Solid Waste Equipment Operator II, at salary of \$2673 per month (CA25). The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Youtsey moved to approve, upon recommendation of the Mayor, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, permission to hire Lee Roy Juarez to the position of Wastewater Assistant, at salary of \$3249 per month (CA27). The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

Community Development

Don Plotner is away this week; he is taking his part two on Chief Building Official course and exam this week. Mike Christensen will be testing on his Building exams January 27, 2015.

Councilor Bratcher request on update with museum. Aubrey had no update other than there has been a problem with the contractor paying his sub contractors and a delay in the construction. He reported the architect is working with the contractor and there would be a report for the next council meeting.

Councilor Aguilar addressed the Council on the old building at Artesia Community Head Start and the need for its demolition. Estimate of demolition to be \$100,000. No action was taken.

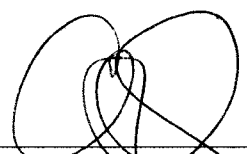
Infrastructure

Byron Landfair gave a brief update on the 13th project, Phase 3 should be on schedule due to complete in March, weather permitting.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. January 27, 2015.


Phillip S. Burch, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk